Service members help to give facelift to bus stops

DEDEDO, Guam – Fifteen Marines and sailors from Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 115 and Strike Fighter Squadron 94 completed maintenance and upkeep on several bus stops here Oct. 19.

The purpose of the project was to provide an opportunity for residents to see another side of armed forces as members of a larger community.

“We’re not just here to do a mission and take away,” said Lt. j.g. Travis E. Coffee, Marine Aircraft Group 12 deputy chaplain. “We’re here to leave something behind and touch the community in a way that impacts them.

The project was set up by participating Marines and sailors and the lieutenant governor of Guam.

“The lieutenant governor has put together an effort going across the island to do different events, which the community and leaders can do to improve things for its citizens, so Guam can be seen in its best light,” said Coffee.

The service members were divided into four groups and spread out along a stretch of highway that had the most defaced bus stops. Many of the bus stops had been defaced with graffiti and some were even infested with ticks.

“There’s always going to be obstacles for us to overcome,” said Coffee. “That’s why we’re a team. We keep pushing forward on the task at hand.”

Not every service member on the exercise could be there to help with the bus stop clean-up, but the ones who were able to take the time and help out all left with the satisfaction of their efforts.

“Not all of us could be out here to participate because of work, but I was still surprised by the number of people who showed up,” said Staff Sgt. Wanda R. Evans, VMFA-115 maintenance administration chief. “It was more than I expected.”

The service members chose to paint over much of the graffiti with a black base to make it more difficult for anyone who might attempt to deface the bus stops again.

“It was heinous,” said Lance Cpl. Kyle E. Riesenberg, a...
 **Chaplains’ Corner**

‘Angels guide us through tough moments’

**Chaplain Dean L. Hooley**

MAG-12 CHAPLAIN

“Once, the Spirit sent him out into the desert, and he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by wild beasts, and angels attended him.” (Mark 1:12)

Angels were not on my mind when I received a wonderful e-mail from a young Marine.

She said perhaps it would be helpful to others.

Here is what she wrote:

Sometimes I’m working with a hard group.

She said the writer of the Book of Hebrews tells his readers, “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2).

The young Marine who e-mailed me is wise beyond her years.

An angel appeared to a pregnant Mary who was about to marry a man named Joseph and she was told that she would give birth to a son. While she was in the wilderness, angels ministered to her. The writer of the Book of Hebrews tells his readers, “Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2).

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The first thing that strikes me is the young Marine, discover that these messengers of God come in all shapes and sizes, and they all have names as well, like mother, father, daughter, son, friend, or stranger.

The next thing about angels is if you are willing to assist another person, you can ask an Angel to be with you. They are ready and able to help you with any situation that you face.

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Lisa married for love and she didn’t put up with Dan’s behavior out of obligation to her vows. It was because she wanted to help him. She knows that in order to help him, she has to know him better. Dan has been with her for many years and she has become a very close friend of his.

Lisa hears the door open and finds a stranger standing in her living room.

Dan won’t listen to the person who is helping him.

He whispers through clenched teeth, “Dinner isn’t ready yet.”

Dan has already been drinking. He is also very angry. Lisa, who is trying to help him, finds out that Dan has been drinking and she tries to help him.

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Marines hone combat planning skills during MOE exercise

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Marine Aircraft Group 12 intelligence, operations and communication shops conducted command and control systems course training, Oct. 20, during the three-week long MAG-12 Operations Center exercise at the Penny Lake Fields here.

"Training like this is a perishable skill," said John W. Lynch III, Combat Operations Center specialist. Marine Integrated Systems Training Center Okinawa, Japan. "Being able to do it here in our home station where we live and work allows us to stay sharp at that skill."

Marines were trained on two different operating systems:

- Today we're looking at C2PC (Command and Control Personal Computer) and Command Post of the Future (CPOF)," said Lynch. The unit's operations clerks, logistics clerks and Intel clerks are learning how to use these systems in order to provide situational awareness in the battlefield.
- "Today we're smart, they're motivated and have a lot of ingenuity going on, but sometimes they're not aware of a system, application or network that gives them that capability to information that can just make them much more efficient at what they're doing," said Lynch.

Combined, these systems provide command- and control-related operations and possess a clear overview of unit and enemy activity, which can be productively used for a wide range of possibilities such as identifying rally points, tracking unit movement, identifying previous attack locations and much more.

"If you were going to OIF or OEF, you would see that every battalion, regiment, group and squadron has some place where they're executing command and control, sharing information with our coalition partners and also providing information back to our higher headquarters wherever that may be," said Lynch. The Marines were intentionally given the training in the COC of the MOC to bring the Marines closer to the deployed experience.

"This brings us closer to what we're going to do in real life. The classroom is nice and comfortable and air conditioned, but if we're going to the Southern Philippines or Thailand for example, we're going to have to take our own air conditioning and power. We're going to have to set up everything from scratch, and this allows us to duplicate that capability," said Lynch. "If we do this repeatedly, it becomes a very simple process to conduct expeditionary warfare."

C2PC and CPOF are systems more commonly used by intelligence and operations Marines; however, communications was trained to familiarize the computer savvy Marines with a universally-used computer system.

"It allows other Marines outside this (military occupational specialty) to get the knowledge edge on how to make overlays, so if they're ever in that situation or predicament, they'll know how to do this," said Lance Cpl. Justin McPeters, MAG-12 warehouse clerk.

Although intelligence and operations functioning systems, it's uncommon for their Marines to be unfamiliar with these systems, which is the primary reason MAG-12 conducted this training.

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VMF-211 training evolutions within the MOC throughout October

ANDERSEN AIR FORCE BASE, Guam — Marines Fighter Attack Squadron 115 ordnance Marines completed air-to-ground ordnance loading training here, Oct. 21, as part of a month-long deployment to the region.

The purpose of the exercise was to ensure both VMFA-115 ordnance Marines and pilots were proficient in their capabilities of employing live ordnance.

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Jane Wayne Day gives spouses inside look to Marine lives

Forty-four women signed up for the opportunity to step into their husband’s boots for the day. Oct. 21. The women were acting recruits for the day on their way to becoming Marines. Drill instructors lined up participants in a formation signifying day one at recruit training and the yellow footprints every recruit steps upon arriving to Marine Corps Recruiting Depot Parris Island or San Diego.

Marksmanship Trainer, a visit to an F/A-18 flight simulator, and Marine Corps Martial Arts training.

For lunch, spouses ate with Marines and sailors at the mess hall.

“Today you’re going to live part of the dream that your significant others live every day,” said Col. Christopher Mahoney, MAG-12 commanding officer. “You’ll get a look at how we condition ourselves, physically get to run around and get a little bit sweaty.”

Participants soon realized how their day would go when former drill instructors named “Gunnery Sgt. Fabio Salas, Gunnery Sgt. Paris E. Mintz, and Gunnery Sgt. Parta Minta greeted them by barking orders. The women were now recruits on their way to becoming Marines. The drill instructors taught spouses a variety of MCMAP moves during the event.

Former drill instructor Gunnery Sgt. Fabio Salas, stands in front of a formation of Jane Wayne Day participants, giving them a recruit indoctrination speech outside of the Sakura Theater during Jane Wayne Day here Oct. 21.

Jane Wayne Day was a tour of a static display with different vehicles Marines use. The day also consisted of a trip to the Indoor Small-Arms Range where they practiced handling and shooting M16A2 service rifles and M9 pistols at the Indoor Simulated Marksmanship Trainer, a visit to an F/A-18 flight simulator, and Marine Corps Martial Arts training.

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The day started at Marine Corps Recruiting Depot Parris Island and San Diego.

“Congratulations on your decision to join the United States Marine Corps,” said Salas. “It is a decision you will not repent. You are now aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, South Carolina, and you’ve just taken the first step to becoming a member of the world’s finest fighting force, The United States Marine Corps.”

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CORPS NEWS

HIGHLIGHTING MARINES AND SAILORS AROUND THE GLOBE

III MEF begins to assess flooded Thailand areas

MCPON THAILAND — Residents in the province of Nakhon Sawan are coping with the aftermath of severe flooding. The mission of the Marine Corps during any humanitarian assistance and disaster response is to rapidly respond with critically needed capabilities to deliver assistance and relief to the areas requiring immediate aid. Marine Corps Forces, Pacific (MARFORPAC) is a major combatant command of the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command. MARFORPAC is responsible for providing combatant command support to the commander, U.S. Pacific Command and the Commander, U.S. Forces Japan in the Indo-Pacific region.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Fleet Air Wing 31 will hold a memorial service at the monument in front of their Headquarters building from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Nov. 10. Rehearsals will include 70 blank shots from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Nov. 7 - Nov. 10. Base personnel need to be respectful during the rehearsals and the event by not playing loud music or cutting through the event site.
Chapel Services

Roman Catholic
Saturday 4:30-5:15 p.m. Confession
5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass
9:45 a.m. Religious Education
Tues. - Fri. 11:30 a.m. Weekly Mass
Protestant
2nd & 4th Saturday 10 a.m. Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath Meeting
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Protestant Service
4:30 p.m. Lutheran Holy Communion Service
Tuesday 9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Wednesday 9 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
5:45 p.m. Awana (Bllg. 1104)
1st & 3rd Thursday 9:30 a.m. MOPS

Church of Christ
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Bible Study (Small Chapel)
10:30 a.m. Service Fellowship

Tree Programs
• High School Meetings (Club – grades 9-12)
• Junior High Meetings (Club JV – grades 7-8)
• HS & JR Bible Studies
• Retreats
• Service Projects
• Mission Trip
• Special Events Volunteer Training & Mentoring

For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other religious program or chapel activity, call the Marine Memorial Chapel at 253-8271.

Sakura Theater

Friday, October 28, 2011
7 p.m. Contagion (PG-13)
Premiere
10 p.m. The Debt (R)
Saturday, October 29, 2011
4 p.m. Dolphin Tale (PG)
7 p.m. Apollo 18 (PG-13)
Premiere
Sunday, October 30, 2011
4 p.m. Dolphin Tale (PG)
7 p.m. Warrior (PG-13)
Premiere

The movie schedule is subject to change. Please check www.mccsiwakuni.com/sakura often for updates or call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for the latest schedule.

General Admission: Ages 12+ are $3/Ages 6-11 are $1.50/Children ages 5 and under admitted free. For more information, visit www.mccsiwakuni.com or call 253-5291.

Mess Hall Menu

Monday:
Cream of broccoli soup, turkey pot pie, chicken veg., Cajun baked fish, steamed rice, mashed sweet potatoes, cornfloury composite, collard greens, vegetable gravy, apple chicken, macaroni and cheese, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cola, cob, standard salad bar, bear claws, quick apple coffee cake, apple cream, macaroni cake with chocolate frosting, macaroni cake, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Tuesday:
Chicken gumbu soup, shrimp scampi, barbecued pork ribs, sweet and sour chicken, mashed potatoes, steamed rice, wax beans, steamed rice, oven baked potatoes, mushroom gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cola, standard salad bar, cherry crouch, blueberry pie, devil’s food cake, broccoli, potato salad, stuffing, peanut butter cookies, macaroni cake, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Wednesday:
Tomato soup, lasagna, roast pork, fried brined chicken, steamed rice, corn muffins, pasta, steamed rice, potato salad, cola, standard salad bar, cherry crouch, blueberry pie, devil’s food cake, macaroni cake, chocolate pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Thursday:
Minestrone soup, barbecue soap, chicken on orange sauce, spinach, and vegetables, steamed rice, fried rice, vegetable stir fry, cabbage, peas and carrots, brown gravy, dinner rolls, macaroni salad, potato salad, cola, standard salad bar, macaroni, standard salad bar, cola, macaroni, standard salad bar, cola, blueberry sugar cookies, chocolate cake with buttercream frosting, brownies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Friday:
Cream of mushroom soup, baked tuna and noodles, salisbury steak, fried chicken and mashed potatoes, steamed rice, brussel sprouts, cream styled corn, brown gravy, corn muffins, macaroni and cheese, potato salad, cola, standard salad bar, cola, macaroni, blueberry sugar cookies, chocolate cake with cream cheese frosting, oatmeal raisin cookies, vanilla pudding parfait, Jell-O parfait.

Military police improve room clearing tactics

Station military police officers go through the door, run the wall, clear the corner, scan the sector, and communicate the situation.

These were some of the tactics station Provost Marshal’s Office’s military police officers used during the Simunition training with the station’s Special Reaction Team at Crossfire Paintball here Oct. 18 and a midday Tuesday.

SRT helped military police officers improve their room clearing capabilities under stressful conditions while using simulation rounds.

“The first was the first SRT was implemented with military police officer’s training,” said Lance Cpl. Amanda A. Phelps, a SRT member. “All military police officers should have basic training of how to go into a room and clear it.”

The mission of this training was to teach the military police officers how to keep their nerves under control in stressful environments.

“I feel like it made a pretty big impact on how stressful environments can be when you’re doing exercises like this,” said Phelps.

As military police officers prepared to enter the room, they took a moment to inspect their surroundings.

The relaxation of their stress set in as they moved loud music made communicating tough and the low lighting made identifying targets harder.

“It’s supposed to challenge them mentally with low lighting and loud music, making them rely on communicating louder with their voices and being able to use hand and arm signals,” said Phelps. “It makes it more stressful for them so they have to rely on things they don’t usually use.”

A lot of military police officer training focuses on knowing what to do during stressful situations.

“This exercise” is better than sitting in the classroom and learning how to write codes or legal documents because it puts you physically there and makes you see what more hands-on,” said Phelps.

Military police officers suited up after some dry runs and got ready to complete their training mission.

Military police officers loaded up with Simunition rounds, put on plenty of safety gear and got into two-man groups. They were then briefed on an active shooter in a school with children present.

Different groups had different types of scenarios they all had to be responded to in different ways. This forced individual groups to use different techniques to respond to a threat.

Lance Cpl. William L. Roberts, a station military police officer with 1st platoon, was one of the Marines who participated in the training exercise.

“We were training on proper tactics in clearing rooms with the 5 steps to clear a room: through the door, run the wall, clear the corner, scan the sector, and communicate,” said Roberts.

MPs had to set fast on their feet and read the situation to make sure they could make the right choices.

“We could have communicated better. We could just go on impulse, but you need to keep a clear mind and just do what you are trained to do,” said Roberts after looking back on his group’s performance.

Simunition ranges from drug possession to responding to barricaded suspects. During the training exercise, there were active and inactive suspects, hostages, and screaming innocent civilians.

“Training started in a hallway negotiation,” said Sgt. Adam M. Hoin, station military police officer with 1st platoon. “Then we went to the midrise and practiced empty room clearing. These are some of the tactics station provost marshals have learned during training exercises.”

The midrise and the room they entered was part of the 2011 Commanders Cup at Penny Lake Fields here Oct. 22. If you would like to submit your own photo, you can submit it to the Public Affairs Office by emailing them to public.joint.mctc.mil or submit them in person at the Public Affairs Office in Building 1, Room 216. Entries will be judged by the Iwakuni Approach staff and the top selection will be run in the next edition of the Iwakuni Approach.

For more information call 253-5291.

Sgt. Kyle C. Hoin, Provost Marshal’s Office Special Reaction Team leader, teaches a group of military police about basic close quarter tactics and how to perform the exercises during a training exercise Oct. 2011. Military police officers practiced on collaborative group tactics that they are going to be doing later on in the day.

Most of the officers who were involved hoped this type of training will continue so they may have more practice with real-life situations.

“We need to practice different training every Tuesday to keep them sharp and prepared for anything,

Lance Cpl. Michael J. Deavers, a station Provost Marshal’s Office military police officer, helps to breach a main entrance to a building during a training exercise at a motorcycle here Tuesday. Military police officers breached the building and got over their nerves as a group of four. They learned to work together and as a single unit to help maintain speed and accuracy while performing close quarter tactics and keeping knowledge of everyone in the unit.

NICOLAS RHEAUS/CIC Iwakuni Approach Staff
The Gladiators Challenge was the final event of the 2011 Commanders Cup competition here Oct. 21.

The Gladiators Challenge consisted of different events including swimming relay races, which incorporated a wide variety of techniques, raft races, and tug of war in two-man kayaks.

Marines and sailors also competed in different styles of tug of war and group races including a metal ball where one Marine sat inside while their teammates rolled them around.

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Combat Logistics Company 36, Marine Wing Support Squadron 171, and Marine Aircraft Group 12 competed in challenges throughout the year.

MWSS-171 won the Gladiator Challenge. However, their celebration was cut short by a third place average for the entire Commanders Cup.

CLC-36 was awarded their trophy after all the scoring had been counted.

After receiving awards, CLC-36 came together and said although they had one of the smallest units, they had max participation and that is what led to a win. CLC-36 fought for their title throughout all the other events.

Although they placed within the bottom two during the Gladiator Challenge, they racked up enough points to earn the gold. Although Marines were talking a bit of ‘trash,’ it was all with good intentions because of the amount of competitiveness involved in the activities.

“There was some great competition out here and a lot of the (events) were really close at the end,” said Lance Cpl. Jimmy S. Harden, CLC-36 motor transportation operator and Commanders Cup competitor.

The primary mission of this event is to support competitiveness between Marine units and to bring everyone together.

“Working as a team and communication are the most important things we got out of these events,” said Harden.

After the challenge was over there was some talk on how teams were chosen.

“We didn’t hand pick our team like some of the other units did,” said Harden. Just about all the unit teams were made up of Marines and sailors who volunteered to come out and show their spirit for their individual units.

“2011 Commanders Cup was a great event with max participation,” said Barbara Roman, Marine Corps Community Services lead fitness coordinator.

Participation shows just how close these units are and how they stand together. This event brings these units together and allows them to work as teams, said Roman. These Marines and sailors work together to prove their camaraderie and their competitive drive.

Throughout the year the teams fought to the final challenge with only one coming out on top. CLC-36 took the 2011 Commanders Cup champion title.